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ABSTRACT

This book provides guidance in how to help children use the Internet for learning and fun. The book is divided into three sections. The first section, "Get Ready: The Internet and Its Tools," includes basic information and practice exercises related to the Internet's many tools. Also included is a large subsection on the World Wide Web, which contains an explanation of Web concepts, two illustrated tutorials on how to use Netscape and Internet Explorer, two subsections on Web search tools for adults and children, and evaluation techniques. There are also brief sections on e-mail, newsgroups, Internet Relay Chat, virtual worlds, Telnet, and File Transfer Protocol. The second section, "Get Set: Ideas for Teachers and Trainers," is designed to aid in preparation for teaching the Internet to adults and children. It includes a list of "build-on" Net/Web skills that will help in designing course curricula, writing sample course outlines, identifying advantages and disadvantages of various Internet tools, and finding Internet-based projects for the classroom or library for children. The third section, "Go! Making It Happen," is intended to help in planning for the Internet in the library or school. Information is provided on ideas and issues to discuss with professional staff, the library's trustees, board of education, or concerned community citizens. Appendices contain annotated lists of both print and Internet resources, a glossary of commonly used Internet terminology, "Netiquette Basics," and a chart profiling various Web directories and search engines. Includes an index. An accompanying PC- and Mac-compatible disk includes the over 700 Internet resources described in the book. (AEF)

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